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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Jorgen Mejner OLSEN
A COMPACT MODULAR IN-THE-EAR HEARING AID
Assignee: **WIDEX A/S**
Our Ref: Q78615

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/209,940 (Confirmation No. 7287) filed August 2, 2002 of Jorgen Mejner Olsen entitled A COMPACT MODULAR IN-THE-EAR HEARING AID, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/254,260 filed March 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,430,296.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2643.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/209,940 filed on August 2, 2002, which is a continuation of Application 09/254,260 filed March 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,430,296, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

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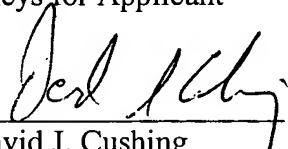
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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